

Bracketts Farm, Main House  
Near Routes 638 and 640  
Trevilians vicinity, Green Springs Historic District  
Louisa County  
Virginia

HABS No. VA-1215

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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Washington, D.C.

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia		COUNTY Louisa	TOWN OR VICINITY Trevilians vicinity; Green Springs Historic District
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) BRACKETTS FARM, MAIN HOUSE (Thomas Bracketts, original owner)			HABS NO. VA-1215
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Near Rts. 638 and 640			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) (National Register 1799 Nomination Form)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Formerly owned by the Watsons, a prominent family within the district. Imposing in its dimensions and distinguished for its detailing, the main house at Bracketts is a demonstration of changing architectural craftsmanship and taste as well (continued)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboarded frame dwelling with brick foundations and seamed tin roof.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 105' (front facade) x 50'. Irregular shape.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Wide eaves supported by large brackets, expressive of the Italianate style. Arched window at the peak of the front gable. Six-over-six sash windows.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Irregular floor plan. Notable features include the double parlours with their arches. The parlour doors were made of chestnut from trees grown on the property. Curved stairway and heart-of-pine floors. The original, or northern portion of the house (cont.)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A single story unit, now the central portion of the house, was added in approximately 1858. The final addition, in the form of a two-story unit with a more elaborate stairhall and a double parlour on the first floor, and two rooms and a hall on the (cont)			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Private residence in very good condition.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Outbuildings include slave quarters built c. 1800, an office, kitchen, barns, corn crib, shed, outhouse, smokehouse, and an overseer's building which is a 19th century railroad station moved to the property. A cemetery on the estate contains the graves of (cont.)			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) 1) Interview with Miss Elizabeth Nolting, February 9, 1985. 2) National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form.			
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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

as a reflection of the Watson family's growth and prosperity over a period of half a century. Designed as a private dwelling.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

was one-and-one-half stories with one room on each floor.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES (continued)

second floor, was completed by 1860 as shown on a map of that date. The brick porches were added approximately 1920.

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE (continued)

many Watson family members.